



THE CJI BULLETIN

A Message from the Director

During the general election this November, Arkansas voters will have the opportunity to vote on the **Arkansas Higher Education Technology and Facility Improvement Act of 2005 (Act 1282)**, an initiative that will provide \$250 million in new bonds for improvements to Arkansas colleges and universities.

Under this initiative, the State's 10 public universities and 22 two-year colleges will receive \$150 million for capital improvements and technology upgrades. The rest of the money will be used to pay off existing bonds.

The Higher Education Bond is not a tax; instead, it's a measure by which the State Constitution allows the State to refinance existing bonds, thus allowing continued funding for new technology and other capital improvements for Arkansas' colleges and universities. Because these bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the state and could require the use of general revenue funds, authority to issue bonds must be approved by Arkansas voters in a statewide election.

I am very excited about this initiative for both professional and personal reasons. If the Act is passed, the Criminal Justice Institute will be allotted \$1 million dollars to assist in constructing a new facility for law enforcement education and training. This will allow us to greatly enhance our classroom space, the number of programs we can provide, and our technological capabilities.

This initiative will also have a significant impact on me personally. As my teenage grandchildren begin planning for college, four-year and two-year schools within the State will be able to offer quality higher education programs that are competitive with out-of-state programs, without raising in-state tuition costs or implementing new taxes.

The opportunity to vote on this issue and to elect leaders in a large number of state and local races will be **Tuesday, November 7th**. I hope to see you at the polls!

Sincerely,

James T. Clark
Director

**Nominations are now
being accepted for SLES,
Session XXIX....
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CJI Receives Renewed Funding for Drug Abatement Initiatives

The Criminal Justice Institute (CJI) has received new funding through the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to continue providing methamphetamine training to Arkansas law enforcement and to assist them in more effectively identifying and assisting children in our State whose health and welfare are endangered by caregivers that abuse illicit drugs.

With this funding, *Methamphetamine Awareness, Identification, and Safety for First Responders* and *The Arkansas Methamphetamine Challenge: A Management Focus for Law Enforcement Executives* will be revised to reflect the changing nature of methamphetamine issues in Arkansas and meet the changing needs of law enforcement that this creates. The *Methamphetamine Awareness* course provides basic methamphetamine awareness and safety education for front-line officers, first-responders and probation and parole officers who, while carrying out their routine duties, may come in contact with a clandestine laboratory. In addition, the course for law enforcement executives provides a management perspective of awareness, employee safety, equipment, training needs, and reporting issues to assist law enforcement managers and local municipal officials in effectively dealing with the methamphetamine problem in their communities. Delivery dates and locations for both revised courses are being determined and will be announced soon.

In addition, this funding will allow the Institute, in collaboration with the Arkansas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, to implement Early Drug Endangered Children Identification Workshops in at least four judicial districts. The Early Identification Workshops will be designed to assist law enforcement and social services professionals in better understanding each other's role in identifying drug endangered children. The model to be implemented is currently under development.

COMING SOON...

Police Internal Affairs

This forty-hour intensive seminar is designed to meet the needs of the newly assigned Internal Affairs Officer, the experienced Internal Affairs Officer who wants to update his/her skills, or the manager who wants to understand how Internal Affairs should work. It is designed to take into account the needs of the small and medium size police agencies as well as the larger ones. Common types of officer misconduct will be identified and the mechanics of handling and investigating such misconduct will be introduced.

December 4-8, 2006



School of Law Enforcement Supervision, Session XXIX

The School of Law Enforcement Supervision (SLES) is a four-week supervisory development course designed by Arkansas law enforcement leaders to set a standard that focuses on leadership, education and advancement in the law enforcement profession. Course topics include: *Organizational Theory, Organizational Design, Administration, External and Internal Influences and Controls, Leadership, Interpersonal and Organizational Communication, Human Resource Management, Legal Issues, Information Systems and Applications, Decision-making, Evaluation, and Organizational Change.*

CJI provides free lodging accommodations for participants who reside outside of the metropolitan Little Rock area. **The deadline for nominations is December 15, 2006.**

January 22-26, 2007

February 19-23, 2007

March 19-23, 2007

April 16-20, 2007



Letters of nomination are required to attend these specialized programs of study. Letters from a Chief of Police, Sheriff, or Department Head/Director must be submitted by the designated deadline to:

**Criminal Justice Institute
c/o Dr. Cheryl May
7723 Colonel Glenn Road
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The CJI Library recently ordered **Dying for Meth**, a methamphetamine prevention DVD that was directed by award winning documentary and movie director Matt Farnsworth. **Dying for Meth** has been recognized for its entertainment value, as well as its anti-meth message, and is ideal for delivering an entertaining, informative message to groups. The video has been endorsed by the National Criminal Justice Association and has been featured on Fox News Live, MSNBC, Good Day New York, and The Situation with Tucker Carlson.

The video is currently being used to educate junior high and high school students on the dangers of meth before being offered the drug in a peer pressure environment. Law enforcement and governmental agencies are also using it to train their employees and to train community organizations on what meth is, what it does, how easy it is to become addicted, the toll it takes on families, and how "one time" may be your last.

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Traffic Safety Training Calendar

**Standardized Field Sobriety Testing/
 Traffic Occupant Protection Strategies**

Springdale Police Department
 Nov. 13-15, 2006
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Standardized Field Sobriety Testing/
 Traffic Occupant Protection Strategies**

Benton Police Department
 Dec. 5-7, 2006

**Standardized Field Sobriety
 Testing Refresher**

Benton Police Department
 Dec. 12, 2006
 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For more information, contact:

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The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) has launched the first national blog on crime prevention. The blog, titled **Prevention Works**, features the latest news and ideas in crime prevention and offers an opportunity for discussion on a variety of topics.



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